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1. The Supply Office of the Soviet Far East Command has reorganized, consolidated and placed under its direct control the supply and service organs of the Chinese Communist Volunteer Army, including those for the Chinese Communist Aid Korea and Aid Democratic Republic of Vietnam volunteer armies.¹ All supplies for these units will be allocated and controlled by the Supply Office. In the future, the Office will procure military materiel based on the progress of the fighting in Korea and in Vietnam, and on the basis of Soviet military strategy in the Far East.
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25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED] from a different source, concerning a Soviet-controlled Material Supply Bureau in Nanning under the Material Supply Department in Peiping which was to distribute Soviet supplies to Chinese and Vietnamese Communists.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably through CH'EN.

25X1A 3. Comment. The Supply Office may use T'AN and YIN to establish its own purchasing and shipping agency in Hong Kong.

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